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PROCEEDINGS.

Wednesday Morning, October 9, 1912.

The Bear Creek Association met in its fortieth session with Ebenezer Missionary Baptist church, LaGrange, N. C.

Praise services were conducted by Revs. Dew and Barnes. Rev. C. D. Dew opened with hymn No. 454. Rev. B. P. Barnes then read ——. Rev. Barnes also led in prayer. Says he, we are so glad that we can hear another hymn sung in the Bear Creek Association. He prayed that the Moderator would be led by the Spirit of God. He begged that we would be able to foster some plans to help humanity. He asked for a blessing to be bestowed on all the delegates. He was strong in his plea. Rev. C. D. Dew continued with hymn No. 374.

The Moderator now announced that the pastor would introduce the Association or offer a welcome to the body.

After toiling and laboring for the last twelve months you have come up to another Association. We are glad to have you. We look upon you as a band of Christian workers. We too have been laboring in the Master's vineyard. You are here to represent Education, the pivot of the nation. Says he, I am pressing the subject of Education upon the girls and boys everywhere I go. The people are looking upon us as Christian leaders and expecting the Spirit of God to show itself among you. He feels that the people will do their best to make us comfortable. He claims that he will watch us as to punctuality. Says he, the motive of our coming here should be to lay better plans to foster our work. I trust you have come in the true spirit. He sees the need of it every where he goes. He is afraid the ministers at times are a little weak along certain lines. Rev. A. A. Morrisey was very instructive in his address of welcome.

The Moderator, Rev. R. H. Harper, now made the opening address. Says he, we accept the invitation of welcome made by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Morrisey. He said that our actions would prove who we are. Says he, take care of the little things and the big ones will take care of themselves. He notices that the body is largely made up of young men. He begged that we do not disgrace the foot prints of our forefathers. The Moderator further claimed that after your labors and toils you have come up to Jerusalem to pay tax. He claimed, not only have the colored people looked forward with pleasure and interest of our coming, but the white people as well. So Pastor Morrisey, we trust that our coming here will not cause you sorrow. He closed by telling a log-rolling anecdote.

We now after some discussion received the program.

Next enrolling churches, delegates and ministers:
Bank's Chapel—A. T. Kennedy, Henry Kennedy, 25 cents each.
Liberty Grove—Frank Bizzell, 25 cents.
First Baptist, Kinston—J. H. Jones, Ed. Whitfield, 25 cents each.
Augusta Chapel—L. C. Cox, Matthew Ford, 25 cents each.
Holly Green—J. C. Cobb, 25 cents.
Patterson Chapel—J. E. Baker, 25cts.; Frank Nunn.
Mount Pleasant—B. W. Smith, J. B. Black, 25 cents each.
Holly Hill—Oscar Dawson, 25 cents.
St. James, Kinston—G. F. Hood, 25 cents.
Atkinson Chapel—J. P. Thompson, H. Draughon, 25 cents each.
St. Delight—W. H. Foremon, 25 cents.
St. James, Goldsboro—
Rouse Chapel—J. E. Edmundson, N. A. Suggs, 25 cents each.
Davis Chapel—W. C. Cannon, 25 cents.
Cedar Grove—
Price Chapel—J. T. Spruell, Raiford Fort, 25 cents each.
Best's Grove—Luke Best, H. D. Davis, 25 cents each.

Mount Calvary—Ed. Kornegay, Mary Groves, 25 cents each.
Hickory Hill—J. H. Coburn, 25 cents.
Hooks Grove—A. B. Jones, Wiley Artis, 25 cents each.
St. Stephen—E. L. Harris, Riddick Thompson, 25 cents each.
Ebenezer—W. L. Rouse, 25 cents.
Round Tree Chapel—W. S. Barnes, J. G. Coppage, 25 cents each.
First Baptist, Lucama—W. R. Kent, R. B. Barnes, 25 cents each.
Winn's Chapel—J. C. Crow, 25 cents.
Artis Grove—Jessie Woodard, 25 cents.
Union Chapel—J. S. Black, 25 cents.
Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams, A. M. Whitley, 25 cents each.
Little Creek—John Darden, John A. Hardy, 25 cents.
Shady Grove—Thomas Wooten, 25 cents.
Crow's Chapel—C. Branch, 25 cents.
Living Hope—L. E. Smith, 25 cents.
Washington Branch—Peter Beaman, 25 cents.
Speight Chapel—A. B. Banks, 25 cents.
Sunday School Convention—
Ministers and Deacons Union—

Home Mission Department—Lucama, Mary Morgan, 50; Hooks Grove, R. C. Carroll, 50 cents; St. Stephens, Lucy Sellers, 50 cents; Deacon C. Gill, 25 cents; Ned Wooten, 25 cents; Mrs. Mary Morgan, $1; Piney Grove, J. H. Jones, 25 cents.

Elders' List—Revs. D. A. Staton, M. Coplin, R. H. Harper, G. W. Buckram, J. B. Trofton, I. S. Riddick, J. J. Edwards, R. C. Carroll, P. Hicks, I. S. Taylor, A. A. Morrisey G. E. Rowe, C. B. Waters, W. H. Jenkins, A. A. Smith, C. Branch, C. A. Whitley, J. D. Hood, R. P. Lawson, C. H. Andrews, John Artis, Peter Beaman, R. Crocket, I. H. Jones, J. S. Blocker, L. H. Harris, W. H. Alexander, P. B. Barnes, A. J. Carlton, G. L. Foreman, James W. Croom, H. B. Joyner, C. D. Dew, R. B. Bizzell, B. J. Tyson, W. B. Sasser, A. S. Croom, W. H. Bryant, paid $1.00 each.

Licentiate Ministers—J. H. Bryant, H. W. Wooten, E. T. Jones, H. B. Bizzell, John Cobb, Garfield Williams, Clarence Bennett, E. H. Hooker, Albert Williams, Noah Ellis, John Floyd, B. S. Sasser, G. E. Oliver, Robert Exum, Augustus Bryant, C. C. Crawford, J. H. Britt, James Bizzell, M. W. Martin, Willis Bryant, J. H. Boger, paid 50 cents each.

Annual Member—E. K. Patterson, Deacon W. W. Lawrence, E. D. Boykins, Deacon Daniel Wooten, Deacon Jack Wooten, Deacon Nathan Mosely, Deacon John Speight, George Speight, Deacon Millard Moore, Deacon A. L. Farrior, Deacon Patrick Moore, Deacon John Ellis, Deacon George W. Harris, Deacon Chas. Bullock, Deacon Wm. Staton, Deacon Lamb Brown, Deacon Moses Broadhurst, Deacon B. J. Quinn, Deacon J. S. Smith, Deacon Turner Whitley, Deacon E. L. Harris, Deacon Matthew Fields, Deacon Amos Dawson, Deacon Peter Hood, Deacon H. J. Sutton, Deacon Major Bizzell, Deacon G. F. Hood, Deacon H. C. Carroll, paid 25 cents each.

Revs. L. H. Harris and J. S. Blocker, who were to preach the Sunday school sermon being absent, it was motioned and carried that that sermon be omitted.

After some discussion it was moved and carried by a vote of 31 to 2 that Rev. A. S. Croom be made a life member of the Association.

Collection for Ministers fund, $30.50.

We adjourned by benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met for business. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. C. C. Crawford and Rev. C. D. Dew. Rev. Dew led with hymn No. 463. Bro. Crawford then read Luke 1st chapter. Prayer was then offered by Bro. Crawford. We thank most Holy God that we have been blessed to meet again. Please send thy spirit with us whereever we go. We are only living on borrowed land. O Lord God, please send the holy Spirit to guide the Moderator. O Lord, please take care of our families while we are gone. Rev. G. W. Buckrom led with a song.

The Moderator now annourced the meeting of the evening. He asked that we be led by Christ in our actions and prove ourselves as worthy men that should not be ashamed. He claimed that he is the father of all. Obey the gavel, brethren. Stay on the main line in your argument.

It was motioned and carried that any minister or deacon unable to pay his annual fee be made an annual or life time member.

Collection lifted for Revs. E. M. Croom and D. A. Staton which was $2.00.

Sister G. A. Mial, of the Woman's Mission Society of the State; Miss Vann, of the Norfolk Guide; Rev. G. A. Mial, State Evangelist, and Prof. H. E. Hagans, agent for the Parents Conference of the State. Mrs. Mial spoke to us in pleasing terms. She stated that she was glad to meet with us.

Rev. Mial now spoke. He claims that we are not united as the whites are united. He spoke of a Ginning Company among the colored men in a certain section. He spoke in the interest of the Durham Reformer. Rev. Mial gives some wholesome advice. He is a Christian gentleman of experience. He referred to the great number of Baptists in Norfolk. He claims if we were united as we should be we ought to do a great work for the Master's kingdom. As a rule the young people that go to the chain gang are those who do not attend the Sabbath school.

Miss Vann now spoke to the body. She is representing the Guide of Norfolk. She claims it to be the leading Negro paper of the South. She referred to the school of the late John G. Smallwood. The great educational work he was doing for his people. A short while before he died he prayed that God would bless his school. Prof. Smallwood was a great leader of his race. He had established a great school in Virginia. Peace to his ashes.

Prof. H. E. Hagans now spoke to the brethren of the body. He continued his speech upon the Parents Conference in the State. Mrs. Patterson, of Raleigh, was its first President and Mrs. E. E. Smith, of Goldsboro, was its second President. The true motive is to establish a Reformatory School. He claimed that the establishment of such a school was a great need among our young boys and predicted that the institution would accomplish great things. Donated for the cause $2.55.

Ministers fund $3.50; $1 from Northern Union.

The pastor now assigned homes to delegates that come in on the different trains.

We adjourned by benediction.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association assembled to hear the Introductory sermon (and other addresses) to be preached by Revs. R. Crockett, assisted by Bro. C. C. Crawford who opened with hymn No. 422. Rev. H. B. Joyner thereupon read Mark 16th chapter. Prayer by Rev. Joyner. He thanked the Lord that we are permitted to bow again in Ebenezer. The seats of many are vacant. We are thankful that we can see the faces of the opposite race among us. We want that love that runs from heart to heart. We thank thee O Lord for the young sons that are holding up the blood stained banner. We want to feel that fire that burned in Moses time. The choir now led with song No. 650.

The Moderator now introduced Prof. J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of the Baptist S. S. (white). He now ascended the rostrum. He said he was not much on speech making. He said it was a great pleasure to be with us. He came with a message from the white school. He likes to see these annual gatherings. It is a great opportunity to catch new ideas. The extension of God's kingdom is of great value. Says he, if others fail to perform their duty he must do his part. The Sunday school is the greatest department the church have at work. Eighty per cent. of the church membership came from the Sunday school. If this part of the church is neglected the church in the long run will go down. He is glad of the improvement of the day school. But the soul of the child is overlooked he is sorry to say. In training the child as the Bible puts it it means for the soul to be trained. The natural tendency of the human mind is toward sin. If we fail to teach the child we are forbidding it to come to Christ Not only are we responsible for our stewardship here but we are responsible to a great extent for the uprising generation. We must do our part. We must not let Christ's cause suffer. He claims we can hasten the coming of the Savior. He wants the ministers and delegates to take this work more at heart. He has noticed since his childhood life that old colored people have lived a Christian life. The colored and white were tonight teaching Christian lessons. We ought to devote more time to the education and Christian training of the children. Glad to know that God is blessing us along all lines. He asked that we look up the children that fail to attend Sabbath school when we return home and have them to come. The first impression is the best.

Solo by Miss Nonie Rouse. The solo was grand and soul stirring.

Response by Rev. W. H. Bryant to Prof. J. Y. Joyner. Says he, the solo was more enticing perhaps than attempting to respond. He said that he would carry this splendid address to his people. He said the chickens that cackled yesterday would cackle no more and that hogs that grunted would grunt no more. This is the great age of Christianity. The chain gang and prison holds the boys. They are, as a rule, those who do not attend the Sabbath school. He was glad to respond to one of the opposite race. We are great imitators. If the white man dresses nice the colored man will try to do so too. If he buys a fine horse the colored man will too. If he joins the church we will too. If he goes to heaven we will try to go too. If he goes to hell the colored man will go there too. This is a great age of science. The scientist has caught the lightning, he floats iron upon the ocean, he can fly ships in the air, he moves the engine by steam and sends electricity over the wire. We are living in a great age of push and hurry. Like the boy who stumps the nails from his toes has not the time to look back to see what he has done. The gentleman was deep in his address.

I am glad of the speech of our white brother.

Rev. A. A. Morisey now spoke of the friendly relations of the white people toward the colored people. He spoke of the white lady's advice of whom he at one time served. She told him to teach his people as he went forth to practice the truth.

The choir now led a song. Rev. Dr. J. A. Snow (white) being absent Rev. A. S. Croom was asked to speak. He said we are to gather together to carry back to our fields new thought. He believes in preparation. He referred to a church that was about to split and called upon Dr. Washington to settle the matter. The one said he was tired paying for the same sermons each year. He gives honor to our forefathers for what they did in the past. The young men now have control of the old Baptist ship. They with God's help will land the Baptist ship on shore. He referred to Homer, who took a flower and held the queen at bay, until he brought men back at his feet. He remembered his boyhood days that he spent around this church. He sees the library he took books from. In the great day when all shall meet to crown Jesus the Lamb, he will be there. He too was able in his talk.

Response by Rev. I. S. Riddick. He claims the white man can speak

in an easy way to the colored people, while the colored man must come in a storm in order to hold attention. The clergy is the highest order of men. In order to preach a preacher must be commissioned from on high. Then he is able to tell the story with power. He believes in preparation. If not he will be standing about with nothing to do. The heart must be changed. He referred to the seven candle sticks. Let us sound the trumpet aloud. He has been called to carry the gospel. He lives what he preaches. He believes all young men have a chance to prepare themselves if they will.

The addresses were all good and in place.

The choir now led a song. Rev. R. Crockett now came forward to preach the Introductory sermon. He selected for a text Matt. 20:8. He believes that this Association was founded upon a rock. He claimed that this Association was established seven years after the war. The Association stands for union. It stands for education. For 40 years some of the brethren have been working in this Association They have done all they can for the education of young men. Done all they can to build up the Lord's kingdom. We have been at work in tears, in trouble, but we feel God will pay us for all we have done.

The white Editor of the Smithfield Herald, told him, if he aims to lead, he now must prepare. He asked if he had not seen a big fool? He told him, yes. Well then he could help him. He believes in the sense of feeling as well as seeing. He wants the religion that gives him a free conscience and gives a new heart. If a man has the love of God he is willing to work in the Lord's vineyard. He believes in Union. He was instructive in his talk.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Trofton. He thanked the Lord for the message sent through the brother. He seemed enthused by the sermon. Choir now led a song.

Rev. C. B. Waters and Bro. C. C. Crawford now lifted the collection, $5.00.

The pastor now assigned homes.

The Association now adjourned by benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

October 10, 1912.

At 9:45 a. m. the Association assembled. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. James Croom and Bro. J. H. Bryant. Bro. Bryant opened with hymn No. 39. Rev. Croom now read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. He also led in prayer. We render to thee thanks for the manifold blessings thou hast bestowed upon us. He prayed a blessing upon the church, the homes of the delegates and ministers. Bro. Bryant led hymn No. 81.

Rev. Harper (the Moderator) announced the opening of the meeting. Says he, after 40 years journey we meet again to-day. He asked that we act as men and get down to business. He asked that we stand up like men and have an eye to business.

The Minutes were now read and adopted. Roll called. Hon. A. R. Middleton was introduced to the body and paid his pledge $2; Ministers fund, $6; pledge money $39.25.

Rev. I. S. Riddick now spoke to the Association.

SERMON BY REV. C. B. WATERS.

Exodus 12:12.

On this occasion God spoke to the children of Israel through his servant Moses, one whom was selected as their leader. With God as his guide he begins his work. The blood which was on the door post represented that God's mercy would be upon them, and that they must have their Lord's girdle and staff in hand.

My friends, the blood of Jesus has been sprinkled in the heart of every

true born child and he commands us to have our staff in hand. Since we have been marching on this journey, difficulties have arisen, impediments have come, yet Jesus has been our Guide. So many have crossed over on the other side of the river. Thank God I enlisted in the field 39 years ago. I have kept my sword in hand, serving my God. God requires every man to serve him. If you cannot preach sing, if you cannot sing mourn. If you are in Jesus the world cannot harm you. Jesus was tried before Judges, yet he held his own. Let brotherly love remain with your loins girded with righteousness and keep your staff in hand. God wants His children to live unspotted from the world, because His son died for us. Bullocks and doves could not atone for our sins. The blood of Jesus alone could make us pure. Love for mankind. Love moved the mighty God. Love is the chord that unites man with God. Let love guide us all the way. If we do this when our life work is ended we can go to help crown him Lord of all. May God take care of us and save us when coming down to die.

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Carlton. Our heavenly father we thank thee for the gift of this sermon and for this occasion. May we be blessed by the great power of thy spirit. May we forever keep the staff in hand, love our fellow man and serve thee. Bless this people I pray thee. Give us power and inspiration; bless us and save us for Christ sake.

Remarks by Sister Myers in behalf of her Mission work. Collection for her $5.25. Prayer for the success of her work by Brother Middleton.

Song: Take the name of Jesus with you. Benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met for business with Rev. R. H. Harper in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. W. B. Sasser and P. B. Barnes. Rev. Barnes now opened with hymn No. 375. Rev. Sasser read the 4th chapter of 1st Corinthians. He also led us in prayer. He gave thanks for what He has done for us. He wants our hearts changed for the indwelling, rule this meeting, guide this meeting with the Spirit. Rev. Barnes led with hymn No. 631.

The Moderator now announced the meeting ready for business.

Minutes read and adopted. Roll called. Minute fund $7.00.

Committee out at work.

Hon. A. R. Middleton, of Kenansville Association, spoke to us along the lines of many important topics. Rev. J. M. Newkirk of the same Association brought words of greeting. Donated Bro. Middleton $1.55.

We adjourned.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:30 p. m., the Association assembled for service. Bros. W. H. Wooten and Augustus Bryant led. Bro. Bryant opened with hymn No. 531. Bro. Wooten then read the 18th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Brother Wooten. Oh Lord, who is slow to anger and plenty in mercy you have led us all the way long. Oh set our minds on heavenly things. Oh Lord, you said in this world I have trouble and tribulations, but in you I would have peace. Bro. Bryant further lined hymn No. 161, which was sung by the choir.

At this point we listened to a duet by Mrs. Mollie Marcum and Miss Nannie Harper. The singing was superb. In fact the choir has made splendid music.

Miss Sanders was now allowed to speak to the body in the interest of the Sentinel.

We now enjoyed a solo from Rev. G. A. Mial.

We next listened to the Doctrinal sermon which was to be preached by Rev. A. S. Croom, assisted by Rev. I. S. Riddick. Rev. Riddick after some remarks complimentary to the solo of Rev. Mial proceeded to introduce Rev. A. S. Croom. He said that he considered Rev. Croom as one of our greatest preachers. Says he, if his mother never did anything else but give birth to this son, she has done a great thing for the uplift of humanity. He further gave a sketch of the young man's career. He took the young man here as a barefoot school boy in LaGrange. He next took him to the Joseph K. Brick School at Enfield, and found him there only able to wear the bosom of a shirt. He carries him to Rocky Mount as pastor of one of the leading churches. He finds him also in Nash county as pastor of one of the leading churches. He next takes him to Richmond to one of the leading Baptist schools. He now locates him at Salisbury, as pastor of one of the leading Baptist churches. Since then he has gone forward and erected a brick church. He is also editor of a newspaper. He also conducts a school. He finds him there in the fowl industry. He also owns a picture outfit. He brings him back home with a $60 suit on given to him by his church. He regards him as one of the best friends in the ministry. He is willing to divide the last dollar he has with him. The two men seemed to be wrapped in love together. The young man is making his mark.

Rev. Croom now came forward to speak. After making some preliminary remarks he selected for a text. John 10:28. I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. Subject: The final perseverance of the saints. Perseverance means a continuing in the grace of God. We believe in the theme, that all those who have been regenerated and sanctified shall be saved. He believes in serving God through love and not fear. He said that all those who are regenerated, adopted, justified and sanctified, in and by the truth are infallibly united to Christ, by his persevering power. The office of regeneration is to create a spirit change. A change in the disposition of the heart.

Adoption: When Christ gives full grace to a sinner whereby upon the forgiveness of sin he is received into the number of believers and given the right and privilege of the son of God. Justification in our civil courts is giving the accused a hearing in the presence of his accuser and witnesses thereof judging him not guilty. The Judge pronounces him acquitted. The accuser falls to the ground and the accused passes out blameless.

Evangelical justification has to do with a man as guilty and ungodly.

A sinner becomes a convicted offender; a pardon is granted and the connection between his punishment and conduct is destroyed.

Sanctification implies that such individual is set apart to do the will of God. It begins in regeneration and ends in death. Such operations as these Christian graces produces in the heart of a believer. Give him a legitimate right to lay claim to the final perseverance of the saints. Before we admit of further argument let us compare the grace of God. It is indestructible. Like gravitation it cannot be produced or destroyed. It is surrounded by an eternal law. Not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord. Hence our text: And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish neither shall any pluck them out of my hand.

Confirmation: In spite of every adverse agency a legitimate believer must persevere and finally be saved. It yet remains a truth eternal that upon this rock I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. It is not said or implied that the attempts will not be made by the arch fiend of hell to wrest from a child of God his guarantee for heavenly citizenship, but the resistance which he will meet is superhuman as well as divine. Under certain conditions the locomotive must run, therefore under certain conditions the child of God will go on. The brother was logical and profound in depth. He referred to a man that when he saw the enemy coming for his men rolled his cotton in the way and hoisted the flag of his country and stood between them and the enemy. Just in like manner

Jesus sits in the gateway between a child of God and danger. Therefore Christ protects our body. Do you not believe he will protect the soul in the Spiritland? When destruction befalls in the way of a child of God Jesus will come to his rescue.

Do you believe that God can fail, if so, go with me to the 60,000 Israelites coming out of Egypt with Moses leading. Mountains on either side. Pharaoh and his hosts behind and the sea in front. See them cross over on dry land.

Come with me to the cross and as the Savior was there dying he cried it is finished, it is finished.

Rev. Riddick led in prayer. He prayed that God would continue to bless the young man. He asked a blessing upon the Association. Says he when Gabriel the trumpeter, shall come the tomb stones shall scatter before the winds like birds before a mighty storm.

The divines highly entertained the Association.

Bros. J. H. Britt and W. H. Wooten lifted the collection, $15.05.

Our Sister Morgan, a Missionary for the school, now turned over $10.65.

Baptist Sentinel was presented by Miss Sanders.

Pastor assigned homes.

We adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

October 11, 1912.

At 9 a. m., the Association met for business. Praise service conducted by Bros. H. D. Davis and E. D. Whitfield. Bro. Davis lined hymn No. 375. Bro. Whitfield then read the 12th chapter of Matt. Bro. Whitfield also led in prayer. He asked that God would throw his arm of protection around us. The brother was strong in prayer. Bro. Davis led with hymn No. 378.

The Moderator now arose and addressed the Association.

Sister Mary E. Morgan now spoke to the Association. She now called for a collection which amounted to $3.30. We further lifted a collection for Miss Sanders, agent of the Sentinel, which was $3.25. Ministers fund 25 cts.

The delegates from the Union made report and turned over $50.00.

We adjourned.

SERMON BY REV. R. B. CARROLL AND REV. P. B. BARNES.

Hymn No. 417, "Am I Soldier of the Cross, a follower of the Lamb." Lined by Rev. P. B. Barnes. Scripture reading 11th chapter Hebrews from 1st through 13 verses, then prayer by Rev. P. B. Barnes. O God, we thank Thee for this golden opportunity, and we beseech of Thee of thy power, bless these people from their various homes, bless this Association, bless our Moderator, draw us together, so we can go away from this place rejoicing in thy goodness, bless our people in our homes and if we meet not in another Association on this side of the river may we meet where congregations never break up and Sabbaths have no end.

Hymn.

Sermon on Unity.

Text: Ephesians 4th chapter 3rd verse: Endeavoring to keep the spirit of unity in the bonds of peace.

The Apostle Paul having a knowledge of the success of the church he outlines some plans to them, saying, I am endeavoring to keep unity in the bonds of peace. With the spirit of God which he possessed, blending with brotherhood and the fatherhood of God, what he meant was the spirit of God and the Godhead. There was an office for each one of the Godheads that did not run in contact with the other; one works in co-operation with the other, even in the arranging of the heavenly bodies, then in directing the Holy Angels of heaven to their different functions. The stars in the heaven assists the moon yet they are all in harmony. I am trying to show that God wants us to love and work in harmony, still every animal has its

bounds. God gave seeds to the sower and bread to the eater. The great universe belongs to God and is His, yet Paul takes the responsibility on himself in bringing back his slave, with a petition to God. God Himself represents love and unity. I believe if we were more sincere in our praying to God we would get along better with each other. All nature is in unity. Take a grain of corn and see how it is worked upon by the united elements of nature. When these elements begin to act the corn begins to sprout. Even the smoke which comes from our chimneys is separated as it ascends into the heavens but it becomes united again. If I have had better advantages than some one else it is my duty to take or help my less fortunate fellow man. There is unity in the army. The Chief gives the General the messages that come from the President by wire, by the train, yet they all work in harmony. But the greatest of all unity is the Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Jesus Christ has one world to mold his Christian in, one song for them to sing, one spirit to give them. We must wait and get the gospel from the kingdom of heaven, then go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Preach it under all circumstances. Preach it in the grace of death. If you do not know much preach what you know. If the Spirit of God is in us and united together we could carry the old Association on to success, we could build our school, we could train our children. Christ said, "Suffer little children and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Take the child by the hand and lead him in the truth of God; put good books in his hands, carry him to Sunday school, be an example to him. If we do this our life will be a life of service.

Prayer is the power that connects us with God, prayer brings about unity, prayer dispels sorrow from the home, prayer will lighten the burdened heart. Only pray to God with faith; pray for union in our hearts, unity in our church, unity in our Sunday school, unity in the pocket-book, unity every where. Learn men and women that there is unity in giving. Trust in God that this unity may dwell in us. People don't know what I am but one thing I know I am born of God. Let us endeavor to get in the spirit of union. May God bless us.

Song: "I will be present when the roll is called."
Remarks by Rev. A. S. Croom and Rev. T. R. McKinzy.
Hymn.
The report of the Committee on Ordination was received and adopted.
Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. C. H. Andrews and Rev. C. D. Dew conducted devotional exercises. Rev. Andrews opened with hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord."
Rev. Dew read Luke 19. Prayer by Rev. Dew.
The Moderator led with a song. At this point reports were made.
Bro. J. W. Slade addressed us. We gave him $3.65.
Donated to J. B. Trofton $5.00.
Collection for Mrs. Winnie B. Webb $2.50.
First Baptist, Snow Hill—R. P. Lawson, 25 cents for education.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Praise services conducted by Bro. A. Bryant and Rev. H. B. Joyner. Bro. Bryant lined hymn No. 422. Rev. Joyner read the 3rd chapter of Timothy. Prayer by Bro. Emerson Hooker. The Brother offered thanks for being allowed to meet in this Association. He plead faithfully. Bro. Bryant continued by singing hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood," &c.

The Association assembled at 7:30 p. m., for the ordination of Bro. Emerson Hooker and to hear the Ordination sermon to be preached by Rev. W. H. Bryant, assisted by Rev. A. A. Morrisey. At 8:00 o'clock Rev. Morrisey

lined hymn No. 758 which was charmingly sang by the choir. Rev. Morrisey then read 1st Corinthians 3rd chapter, 15th verse. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Buckram. We thank dear Lord, that it is as well with us as it is; thou hast been kind toward us and ever extended mercy. Says he, we have come across many hills and mountains since we assembled last year. The Rev. prayed for blessings upon the Moderator, Scribe and the good people of this place. The Rev. brings us down to death and takes us up to heaven. Prays for the speakers, for the Brother whom is before us for ordination.

Hymn No. 703 was sung by the choir. Rev. Morrisey intelligently introduced the speaker of the evening. Rev. Bryant came forward to preach the ordination of Brother Emerson Hooker. The Rev. considers it quite a treat to have the opportunity of coming before us. Says the hospitality is deeper than the ocean. The people of LaGrange have well played their part. The choir is hard to surpass. He finally led in a fervent prayer.

Possibilities of the minister, Chronicles 1:4: Jasper called on the God of Israel, saying, oh, that they would help indeed. The Rev. claims very little is said about this man Job, but there is one thing in him to be admired. though he came from a low family, even the very name is low.

The Rev. gave Brother Hooker to know that he would have a hard time in life. Says he, the preachers will not be for you. Go to God for advice. Study to make yourself a man, and above all you must know the Bible. God wants men that will make a sacrifice to preach the gospel. The claim is made that the Bible is a mystery without prayer. A man must stay in prayer. You must have the Holy Ghost power. God wants men who will stay in the battle field until death. Says he, there is nothing in politics for this race of ours. We must look to God, our only hope. The Rev. bids Rev. Hooker to be strong. He bid us as Christians to hold up the old Flag of Christ. The Rev. bids us to carry the flag and never allow it to touch the ground. There is enough of us in this great battle field. The Rev. claims we should daily and hourly feast on the word of God. Our people are going astray. The carnivals and shows are doing much to hinder us. We must live closer to Christ. I thank God if I can not vote for the President I can vote for Jesus. Christians ,by and by when this earthly voting is over, we shall hear the welcome voice, these are mine. But we must live the life of a Christian to hear this welcome. The Rev. now laid much stress upon the young man of the hardships of a ministerial life. He points the young brother to God at all times. Says he, the voice of Jesus does not sound like any other man's. You must have faith like Moses, Daniel, the three Hebrew children and the other faithful prophets. We must have faith to preach against the blind tigers, preach against sins of men. Says he, the old church shall never fail. The Rev. now takes Christ to represent the church. The Rev. was deep in his argument. He finally takes the Christian to heaven. There we shall meet John and others.

Rev. Riddick made some preliminary remarks. Finally presented intelligently the Bible and Hymn Book to Brother Hooker for his guide.

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Morrisey. The Rev. plead for the success of this divine and offered thanks to him above. The Rev. was spirited.

Collection went to the church.

The next Association meets at Best's Grove Wednesday before the second Lord's day in October, 1913.

The delegates and Ministers will meet the wagons and buggies at Goldsboro, N. C., Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock a. m.

All deacons connected with churches in this Association are requested to take up to the Association 25 cents to go in the old ministers and deacons funds.

Those who remained over at LaGrange and preached on Sunday: Revs. G. W. Buckram, W. B. Sasser, P. B. Barnes, C. B. Waters, H. B. Joyner and Bro. W. H. Wooten.

THE UPPER UNION.

Rev. G. W. Buckram who was appointed visiting Missionary to the Northern Union reports having met the body and found them in gospel order. He urged the Ministers and Deacons Union to go forward and do something for our school at Kinston. They donated $2.00. We hope the brethren of the bounds will raise money for the school.

REPORT ON ORDINATION.

We, your Committee on Ordination, had three applicants to come before us. After some examination we submit the following:

Whereas, Brother Emerson Hooker has built up some work for himself and as this body is asking that he be ordained, we your committee recommend that he be ordained.

We also recommend the other two to further studies.

R. C. CARROLL,
C. B. WATERS,
W. H. BRYANT,
A. S. CROOM,
G. W. BUCKRAM,
I. S. RIDDICK,
J. B. TROFTON, Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND DEACONS UNION.

Bro. Moderator of the Bear Creek Association: We submit the following report from the Ministerial and Deacons Union: We have met each Fifth Friday. No. members 42; number of Churches enrolled, 19.

Raised this year the sum of	$ 119.78
Disbursements	57.33
Educational money raised	60.72
Union money on hand	1.78

Paid to the Executive Board of the Association October 10, 1912, Educational money, $50.00, leaving $10.72.

Brother J. H. Britt, President.
H. Draughn, Secretary.
J. E. Edmundson, Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. J. D. Hood, Treasurer.

R. C. CARROLL, Chmn.,
H. B. JOYNER,
LUKE BEST,
J. E. EDMONDSON,
H. C. CARROLL,
J. B. TROFTON, Delegate,
Executive Board of the Union.

REPORT ON CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on Churches, do submit the following report: We find the following new churches:

First Baptist, Snow Hill, N. C. No. members 6; money sent up 90 cents. J. B. Trofton, Goldsboro, pastor; S. B. Hill, Snow Hill, Clerk. Amount sent to Association $1; to McDaniel Industrial school, 75 cents.

G. E. ROE,
W. C. CANNON,
C. C. WILLIAMS,
REDDICK THOMPSON,
L. E. SMITH, Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Brother Moderator and Brothers: We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following: We recommend the Church to be a band of baptised believing Saints. We recommend that no preacher, teacher or deacon can be successful unless they are temperate in all things.

We also recommend that the preachers preach, the deacons talk and the teachers teach temperance in their churches and schools. Therefore, be ye temperate in all things.

Humbly submitted,
J. E. CROW, Chmn.,
A. T. KENNEDY,
C. BRANCH,
R. P. LAWSON,
C. H. ANDREWS,
JAMES BIZZELL,
N. A. SUGGS,
H. C. CARROLL,
J. E. BAKER, Secretary,
Committee.

Brother John Edmundson, Corresponding Secretary of the Association, made his report. He claims the Association is progressing.

Rev. C. B. Waters, our Evangelist, made his report. He stated that he has labored hard in the Master's vineyard the past year and had great success.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION.

February 8, 1912.

The Board met at St. Stephens Church for the purpose of examining and ordaining Bro. J. W. Croom. Bro. H. B. Joyner also came before the Board. After a careful and fair examination, we found them prepared for ordination. The Board thereupon ordained the brethren.

Brethren present: Rev. A. A. Smith, Chairman, $1.80; Rev. R. C. Carroll, Secretary, $1.75; Rev. A. J. Carlton, $1.00.

Kinston, N. C., October 2, 1912.

The Executive Board met in joint session with the Trustee Board and Directory Board to take in consideration the school and school property. Rev. A. A. Smith was elected President; Rev. W. H. Bryant, Principal. We had a lovely meeting.

Members present: Rev. A. A. Smith, $3.00; Rev. R. C. Carroll, $1.80; Deacon J. C. Cobb, $1.80; Rev. C. A. Whitley, $1.80; Rev. C. H. Andrews, $1.30.

Money paid to disabled Ministers and Deacons in 1912: Bro. Alex. Bryant, $2.50; Rev. J. F. Hill, $4.00; Deacon Lamb Brown, $2.50; Deacon C. Hamilton, $2.00; Bro. C. Gill, $2.50; Rev. E. M. Croom, $4.00; Deacon C. Cox, $2.00; Rev. D. A. Staton, $4.00; Bro. H. C. Carroll, $2.50.

LaGrange, N. C., October 11, 1912.

The Executive Board assembled at the Association to settle the trouble between Rev. P. Beaman, the Church and Bro. J. G. Johnson. After a careful examination of the matter the Board freed Rev. Beaman and the Church and found Bro. J. G. Johnson in error. The Board dismissed the case.

A. A. SMITH,
R. C. CARROLL,
I. S. RIDDICK,
C. D. DEW,
A. T. KENNEDY,
J. C. COBB, Committee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTION.

Bro. Moderator and Brethren: We your Committee on Resolutions and Constution, submit the following report: That the following Articles read thus:

Article 5. The Executive Board be composed of 7 members instead of nine.

Art. 13. That the Constitution read six cents per member.

Article 17. All Deacons pay 25 cents which shall go in the superannuated fund. Each Messenger 25 cents which shall go in the Educational fund.

Art. 20. Sec. 2. Instead of saying Academy the McDaniel Industrial School at Kinston, N. C.

Section 3. Shall read thus, 7 members instead of 9.

Art. 20. That each Church shall pay $5.00 for Educational purposes.

Art. 21. The Trustee Board of the Association shall notify the Board of Directors of the Convention whensoever they meet.

Rules of Decorum of the Church: 3. That the word pro tem be stricken out.

J. H. BRITT, Chmn.,
H. D. DAVIS,
AMOS DAWSON,
R. B. BIZZELL,
W. B. SASSER,
A. A. MORRISEY,
J. P. THOMPSON,
I. H. JONES,
HENRY KENNEDY,
WILEY ARTIS,
H. DRAUGHN,
J. D. HOOD, Committee.

REPORT ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS, DISBURSEMENTS AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Nomination of Officers, Disbursements and Place, beg leave to report: We recommend that all officers of the Association stand, saving Rev. Hood. Rev. I. S. Riddick Assistant Moderator in his stead.

Members of Executive Board: A. A. Smith, Chairman, R. C. Carroll, Secretary, C. H. Andrews, J. C. Cobb, C. A. Whitley, A. T. Kennedy, H. D. Davis.

Members of the Trustee Board remain as they are.

For printing of Minutes, $30.00; pay Clerk, $10; Secretary, $2.00; Treasurer, $1; Moderator, $5.

We further recommend J. P. Thompson Treasurer of the Association.

We further recommend that the Association convene at Best's Grove Wednesday before the second Lord's day in October, 1913.

LUKE BEST,
C. H. ANDREWS,
M. J. FORD,
J. B. BLACK,
R. B. BARNES,
THOMAS WOOTEN,
JOHN A. HARDY,
G. E. ROE,
P. HICKS,
J. H. BRITT,
J. C. COBB,
A. B. JONES,
EDD. KORNEGIE,
Committee.

ANNUAL SERMONS FOR 1913.

Wednesday at 11 o'clock, Sunday School sermon: Rev. W. B. Sasser and Rev. H. B. Joyner.

Wednesday night, Introductory sermon: Rev. J. B. Trofton and Rev. C. D. Dew.

Thursday at 11 o'clock, On the Atonement: Rev. G. W. Buckram and Rev. C. H. Branch.

Thursday night, Doctrinal sermon: Rev. I. S. Riddick and Rev. R. P. Lawson.

Friday at 11 o'clock, A sermon on Unity: Rev. C. A. Whitley and Rev. C. A. Andrews.

Friday night, An Education sermon: Rev. J. W. Croom and Rev. J. D. Hood.

Sunday at 11 o'clock, Temperance Sermon.

Three o'clock, Missionary sermon.

REPORTS OF CHURCHES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Members.	Finance.	Education.
Shady Grove	33	1.98	.....
Hickory Hill	40	2.40	.....
Little Creek	29	1.74	5.00
Union Chapel	16	.96	.....
Rouse's Chapel	114	6.84	.....
Mount Calvary	130	7.80	2.30
Hook's Grove	78	4.68	5.00
Saint's Delight	50	3.00	5.00
Crow's Chapel	24	1.45	.....
Washington Branch	6	.36	.....
Artis Grove	18	1.08	.....
Patterson Chapel	60	3.60	.....
Barnes Chapel	82	4.92	.....
Ebenezer	65	3.90	.....
Bank's Chapel	75	4.50	5.00
Liberty Grove	42	2.52	5.00
Living Hope	20	1.20	.....
Roundtree	48	2.88	4.00
St. Stephens	94	$ 5.64	$ 5.00
St. James, Kinston	23	1.38	.....
Holly Hill	43	2.58	.....
Piney Grove	16	.96	1.00
Augustus Chapel	125	7.50	5.00
Holly Green	45	2.70	2.50
Winn's Chapel	60	3.60	.....
Best's Grove	100	6.00	5.00
Mary's Grove	19	1.15	.....
Mount Pleasant	200	12.00	5.00
Davis Chapel	15	.90	.....
Price's Chapel	24	1.44	2.00
First Baptist, Snow Hill	6	.36	.40
Atkinson Chapel	98	5.88	.....
First Baptist, Kinston	128	7.68	5.00
Speight's Chapel	10	.60	1.00
First Baptist, Lucama	28	1.68	4.00
First Baptist, Snow Hill	9	.54	2.25

EXPENSES OF TRUSTEE BOARD.

Luke Best	$ 16.75
J. P. Thompson	4.60
L. C. Cox	2.10
R. H. Harper	3.20
J. H. Jones	2.00
E. D. Boykins	2.00

EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. C. A. Whitley	$ 2.50
Rev. A. J. Carlton	1.00
Rev. R. C. Carroll	2.35
Rev. A. A. Smith	4.80
Deacon J. C. Cobb	2.30
Rev. C. H. Andrews	1.30

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts.

Thursday night	$ 15.05
Sister Morgan for school	10.65
Sister Mary Morgan for school	3.30
Friday morning	3.00
Sent by the Union	50.00
Baptist Sentinel	3.25
Revs. Croom and Staton	2.00
The Woman's State Missions	2.55
The Northern Union	1.00
Wednesday night	5.00
Snow Hill Church	.25
Mrs. Winnie Webb	2.50
Rev. J. W. Slade	3.35
Pledge money	40.00
Minister's Fund	58.00
Woman's Home Missions	1.50
Churches	117.20
Education sent up from churches	54.90

Disbursements.

Minutes	$ 30.00
Clerk	10.00
Corresponding Secretary	2.00
Moderator	5.00
Treasurer	1.00
Programs	2.00
Baptist Sentinel	3.25
Rev. E. M. Croom	1.00
Rev. D. A. Staton	1.00
Prof. E. H. Hagans	2.55
Rev. J. W. Slade	3.35
Snow Hill Church	5.00
Mrs. Winnie B. Webb	2.50
Hon. A. R. Middleton	1.50
Mrs. G. A. Mial	10.00
Ebenezer	5.00
Sexton	1.50

PLEDGES.

	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.	Balance Due.
Rev. I. S. Riddick	$10.00	$ 3.00	7.00
R. H. Harper	10.00	10.00	.....
R. C. Carroll	10.00	5.00	5.00
J. H. Jones	10.00	8.00	2.00
Wiley Artis	10.00	10.00	.....
G. L. Hood	10.00	.....	10.00
A. A. Smith	10.00	5.00	5.00
P. B. Barnes	10.00	.....	10.00
C. B. Waters	10.00	6.60	3.40
J. P. Thompson	10.00	7.00	3.00
Noah Ellis	10.00	10.00	.....
P. Hicks	10.00	1.50	8.50
Henry Wooten	10.00	.....	10.00
W. H. Croom	10.00	.....	10.00
A. J. Carlton	10.00	.....	10.00
E. E. Croom	10.00	2.00	8.00
H. Draughn	10.00	2.00	8.00
C. A. Whitley	10.00	5.30	4.70
J. B. Trofton	10.00	10.00	.....
J. H. Britt	10.00	10.00	.....
Alex. Edwards	10.00	.....	10.00
C. D. Dew	10.00	10.00	.....
John Edmondson	10.00	10.00	.....
A. W. Williams	10.00	.....	10.00
M. K. Guy	10.00	1.00	9.00
A. A. Morrisey	10.00	5.00	5.00
W. L. Rouse	10.00	5.00	5.00
I. P. Price	10.00	.....	10.00
C. H. Andrews	10.00	5.00	5.00
James L. Cole	10.00	1.00	9.00
C. H. Branch	10.00	.....	10.00
Peter Beaman	10.00	.....	10.00
L. S. Swinson	10.00	1.00	9.00
G. E. Oliver	10.00	.....	10.00
James M. Miller	10.00	.....	10.00
H. B. Joyner	10.00	.....	10.00
W. R. Kent	10.00	.....	10.00
John Whitley	10.00	.....	10.00
E. T. Jones	10.00	.....	10.00
G. W. Hood	10.00	.....	10.00
A. B. Jones	10.00	1.00	9.00
J. J. Edwards	10.00	.....	10.00
A. A. Gray	10.00	.....	10.00
Ed. Kornegay	10.00	.....	10.00
I. H. Jones	10.00	1.00	9.00
Handy Barnes	10.00	10.00	.....
Ezekiel Dixon	10.00	.....	10.00
H. C. Carroll	10.00	4.00	6.00
J. B. Cobb	10.00	1.00	9.00
F. R. Nunn	10.00	.....	10.00
A. R. Middleton	2.00	2.00	.....
K. E. Edwards	5.00	.....	5.00
Miss Mozel Patterson	5.00	5.00	.....
Robert Jones	2.50	.....	2.50
Eugene Guy	5.00	.....	5.00

Guilford Williams	1.25	1.25	.....
I. S. Taylor	5.00	.....	5.00
B. J. Tyson	5.00	.....	5.00
H. D. Davis	5.00	.....	5.00
Wife of J. J. Edwards	5.00	.....	5.00
Sister Mary E. Morgan	5.00	.....	5.00
C. C. Crawford	10.00	1.00	9.00
L. H. Harris	10.00	.....	10.00
J. H. Bryant	10.00	.....	10.00
E. K. Patterson	10.00	5.00	5.00
M. C. Caleb	10.00	.....	10.00
B. W. Smith	10.00	2.00	8.00
A. T. Kennedy	10.00	5.00	5.00
A. M. Whitley	10.00	10.00	.....
George J. Johnston	10.00	.....	10.00
Milford Daniels	10.00	.....	10.00
E. D. Boykins	10.00	10.00	.....
Peter Cogdell	10.00	.....	10.00
John Clark	10.00	.....	10.00
J. W. Scott	10.00	.....	10.00
B. T. Thompson	10.00	2.00	8.00
S. C. Waters	10.00	.....	10.00
W. H. Thompson	10.00	10.00	.....
W. T. Askew	10.00	1.00	9.00
Luke Best	10.00	7.00	3.00
J. E. Baker	10.00	.....	10.00
G. A. Brown	10.00	.....	10.00
John Cobb	10.00	.....	10.00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF McDANIELS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Receipts.

1911. Brought forward from last report	$ 67.47
October 6th. Received from Association	81.20
November 20. Received from Rev. A. A. Smith	100.00
1912.	
May 7. Received from Rev. A. A. Smith	60.00
May 16. Received from Rev. A. A. Smith	40.00
June. Received from Morning Star S. S. for windows	10.05
October 2. Received from Rev. A. A. Smith	50.00
	$ 408.72

Disbursements.

1911	
September 2. Expenses of Trustees	$ 19.05
October 7. Mrs. Sarah Hood	5.00
October 7. Rev. J. D. Hood	2.00
October 14. J. W. Gorham	15.00
October 14. Rutledge Lumber Co., for 1,000 feet W. B.	13.50
October 21. Rev. R. H. Harper	1.60
October 21. J. W. Gorham, balance due on roof	60.00
February 29. Expenses of Trustees	11.40
May 16. To tin roofing 5,409 at 4 cents per foot	216.36
June 29. Luke Best, for windows	10.05
	$ 353.96
Balance on hand	$ 54.76

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	Received by Exper.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excommunicated.	Deceased.	No. Schol. Bap.	No. S. S. Officers.	Church Building and Furniture.	Volumes In Library.	Pastors Salary.	Value of Church Property.	Contributions of Churches.	Communicants.	Days of Meeting.	No. Sabbath School Scholars.	State Missions.	Education.	Associational Funds.	Rec'd by letter	Rec'd by baptism.	Orphan Asylum.
Winn's Chapel, Wayne	10	...	2	...	2	...	5	$1200 00	30	$ 150 00	$ 750 00	$ 75 00	70	4	40	$.....	$.....	$ 4 20	...	8	$.....
First Baptist, Kinston, Lenoir	...	2	...	...	4	3	9	.....	.....	360 00	2000 00	57 80	115	1-4	50	.....	.....	7 00	3	...	.....
Patterson's Chapel, Lenoir	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	60	2-4	51	.....	.....	3 30	...	...	.....
Living Hope	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....	16	1	45	.....	.....	96	...	...	.....
Little Creek	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	54	2	.....	.....	.....	3 24	...	2	.....
Holly Hill	1	...	...	4	1	...	...	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	41	2	25	.....	.....	2 46	...	3	.....
Atkinson's Chapel Wayne	...	1	...	5	1	...	...	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....	104	2-4	40	.....	.....	2 24	...	6	.....
Augusta Chapel, Wayne	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	121	3	50	.....	5 00	7 26	...	6	.....
Davis' Chapel, Lenoir	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	22	1	.....	.....	5 00	1 32	...	4	.....
Spoter's Chapel, Lenoir	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	15	.....	90	.....	.....	9 00	2	4	.....
Barnes' Chapel, Wayne	1	1	2	2	4	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	2	59	.....	5 00	4 92	...	17	.....
Holly Green, Wayne	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	55 25	.....	.....	47	1	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	...	8	.....
Johnston Chapel	1	1	...	1	4	...	...	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	55	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	3	.....
Price's Chapel, Wilson	1	1	...	1	4	...	...	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	55	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	3	.....
Bore's Chapel, Wilson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Piney Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Shady Grove	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	33	1	20	.....	.....	4 50	...	2	.....
First Baptist, Lucama, Wilson	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	55 00	.....	.....	35	4	50	.....	5 00	2 10	...	8	.....
Round Tree, Wilson	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	55	4	23	.....	5 00	3 30	...	9	.....
Ebenezer, Lenoir	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	.....	.....	120 00	.....	.....	60	1	.....	.....	1 25	3 60	...	...	1 25
Saints' Delight	3	8	2	5	4	...	...	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	50	3	22	.....	.....	3 00	2	1	.....
Best's Grove, Wayne	...	2	...	6	2	...	...	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	100	4	40	.....	5 00	6 00	...	13	.....
Union Chapel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	...	...	.....
Olive Chapel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Saint Mary's Wilson	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	9	4	16	.....	.....	54	...	...	.....
Washington Branch	6	1	...	1	...	...	4	125 00	18	.....	300 00	.....	15	2	15	.....	.....	2 25	1	3	.....
Liberty Grove, Lenoir	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	24	.....	.....	2 24	2	1	.....
Thomas' Chapel, Wilson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Saint James, Wayne	1	3	...	4	...	...	...	.....	.....	84 00	.....	.....	35	3	25	.....	2 00	2 10	...	6	.....
Mount Pleasant, Wayne	...	2	...	4	4	...	...	.....	.....	142 00	.....	.....	199	2	.....	45	5 00	11 94	4	24	.....
Banks' Chapel, Lenoir	...	14	...	2	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	3	40	.....	5 00	5 10	...	17	.....
Rouse's Chapel, Lenofr	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	.....	.....	93 00	.....	.....	130	3	40	.....	5 00	4 80	...	8	.....
Hooks' Grove, Wayne	5	2	...	4	...	...	...	.....	.....	88 00	.....	.....	86	1	30	.....	.....	5 16	...	14	.....
Crow Chapel	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	300 00	.....	42 22	.....	.....	.....	2	62	2 00	5 00	2 10	...	12	.....
Saint Stephen's	2	1	...	5	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	2-4	60	.....	.....	5 64	...	7	.....
Mount Calvary	14	3	...	16	3	10	6	1300 00	100	600 00	.....	.....	125	2-3	100	3 00	5 00	7 50	...	10	.....
Saint James, Kinston, Lenoir	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	2	20	.....	.....	1 50	5	2	.....
Cedar Grove	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	36	1	4	.....
Second Baptist, Wilson	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	16	1	.....	.....	.....	96	...	5	.....
Artis' Grove	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	54	...	...	.....
First Church, Snow Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

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First Baptist, Kinston—Rev. Bryant.	E. D. Boykins, Kinston, N. C.
Winn Chapel—L. T. Bond.	Solomon Elliott, Mount Olive, N. C.
St. James, Kinston—J. D. Hood.	L. Hood, Kinston, N. C.
Hook's Grove—R. C. Carroll.	Matthew Fields, Pikeville, N. C.
Holly Green—A. A. Smith.	J. C. Cobb, Dudley, N. C.
Best's Grove—A. A. Smith.	John H. Coor, Saulston, N. C.
Mount Pleasant—R. H. Harper.	B. W. Smith, Saulston, N. C.
Augusta Chapel—A. A. Smith.	Marshal Grantham, Goldsboro, N. C.
Mount Calvary—I. S. Riddick.	Miss Lula Croom, Goldsboro, N. C.
Ebenezer—A. A. Morrisey.	W. L. Rouse, LaGrange, N. C.
Atkinson Chapel—A. A. Morrisey.	I. P. Thompson, Saulston, N. C.
Speight's Chapel—Emerson Hooker.	G. F. B. Ellis, Lucama, N. C.
Union Chapel—J. S. Blocker.	.....
St. Mary——Alex. Edwards.	G. W. Williams, Lucama, N. C.
Washington Branch—G. Foreman.	Della Foreman, Walstonburg, N. C.
Liberty Grove—J. D. Hood.	Miss W. M. Bizzell, LaGrange, N. C.
St. James—W. H. Croom.	Georgia Everitt, Goldsboro, N. C.
Banks Chapel—J. D. Hood.	E. K. Patterson, LaGrange, N. C.
Crow's Chapel—W. H. Croom.	S. L. Oates, Dover, N. C.
First Baptist—R. Crockett.	W. H. Richardson, Lucama, N. C.
Round Tree—J. G. Coppedge.	G. W. Harris, Wilson, N. C.
St. Delight—G. W. Buckram.	J. F. Evans, Walstonburg, N. C.
Cedar Grove—B. J. Tyson.	Miss Effie Barnes, Tarboro, N C.
Barnes Chapel—R. C. Carroll.	J. C. Barnes, Goldsboro, N. C.
Artis Chapel—W. H. Alexander.	Sam Horne.
St. Stephen—R. C. Carroll.	Reddick Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C.
Patterson Chapel—I. H. Jones.	J. E. Baker, Kinston, N. C.
Living Hope—J. H. Artis.	B. F. B. Ellis, Lucama, N. C.
Little Creek—P. B. Beaman.	Frank Ellis, Walstonburg, N. C.
Davis Chapel—W. H. Croom.	S. Parks, LaGrange, R. F. D. 3.
Holly Hill—I. H. Jones.	Willie Dawson, Kinston, N. C.
Price Chapel—P. Beaman.	J. T. Spruill, Fremont, N. C.
Shady Grove—J. D. Hood.	Thomas Wooten, LaGrange, N. C.
Rouse Chapel—I. H. Jones.	.....
First Baptist, Snow Hill—J. B. Trofton.	.....

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors to encourage Christian education in general, to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and to do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sabbath School in all churches, and in every way possible strive to conform to the teachings of the Word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of messengers and pastors, chosen by the churches they represent, and each church is entitled to three messengers, who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent, and two delegates from the Sabbath School Union. All ministers that are in pastoral charge of churches that belong to this Association are members

of this Association. Ministers who are not in charge of churches connected with this Association may become members by the payment of one dollar annually. All ministers applying to the Association for admittance shall bring letters of date and signature of the Moderator and Clerk of the Association from which they come, stating that they are in good standing in full. No ministers or church can join this Association that fails to bring recommendations to satisfy this Association before it accepts their money.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certifying their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Board of nine members, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of this body; in observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribute them among the churches.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies respecting the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and historical events of this Association, and make reports to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary, and do business for the Association or any of its churches, and the church or Association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of no church unless called for by the church.

Art. 12. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose, and if received, the presiding officer shall extend the right-hand of fellowship.

Art. 13. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue their fellowship by contributing 6 cents to the member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 14. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of this body, save that of voting.

Art. 15. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and place as it may select.

Art. 16. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, Temperance, Doctrinal and Education Sermon during the session, directed by the Chair.

Art. 17. Delegates to the Association shall bring 25 cents and ministers $1.00 and licentiates 50 cents to maintain a superannuated fund for aged ministers.

Art. 18. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in its bounds unless done by the Association while in session of the executive board.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XX.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Bear Creek Association school property to look after the property of the school, to consist of five members, and meet when necessary; term fixed by the Association.

Sec. 2. There shall be an agent appointed by each church to solicit aid for the Bear Creek Academy at LaGrange, N. C., and the agents will pay the same to the Treasurer of the Directing Board, and receive a receipt for the same, and the receipt shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Association. The Association may appoint a special agent to obtain aid for the school.

Sec. 3. The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine members, whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association, and they shall meet as often as they find it necessary.

Sec. 4. Any member or church connected with this Association can take shares in the school property for the amount of from $5.00 to $100.00, and can sell it to no one that is not connected with the Association.

Sec. 5. Each church in the Bear Creek bounds shall take up a special collection during the month of June and forward it to the Treasurer of the Trustee Board.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCH.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meeting in the year whenever requested.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular Conference meeting; and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who manifest a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference the pastor in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator pro tem., who shall open Conference with devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation will be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion; when seconded, shall be debated, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, unless by permission of the church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members before the complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instruction of the Lord, found in the 18th chapter of Matthew 16th, 17th and 18th verses; and the public offenses, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote, shall keep the speaker to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session of this Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate.
2. At each daily session the names of delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session read before entering upon the business of the day.
3. The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.
5. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.
6. All motions which meet with a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.
7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely.
8. After a vote is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move to reconsider.
9. The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration.
10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.
11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

To Be Asked Applicants When Applying for License to Preach.

1. What is grace?
2. How do you know that you are called to preach the Gospel?
3. What is the Gospel?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is religion?
6. What is faith in the Lord?
7. What is the law of God?
8. How do the Scriptures describe God?
9. Who is God?
10. What is a Gospel Church?
11. What is a Church?
12. How is a Baptist Church governed?
13. Who are Scriptural officers of a Baptist Church?
14. What is necessary to do to be saved?

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of members.
2. Declaration of business.
3. Inviting to seats corresponding delegates and visitors.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Read Church Letters.
6. Petitionary Letters of new churches.
7. Appoint corresponding delegates.
8. Reports of standing committees.
9. Reports of special committees.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous.
12. Adjournment.

For Applicants Who Apply for Ordination.

Applicants for ordination must be proficient in spelling, reading, writing, historic works of the Bible and Theology.

CHURCH LETTER.

Report of the .....Baptist Church

For the year ending.....19....

Bear Creek Association at.....

Sendeth Christian Salutations.

OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

Pastor and his Postoffice.....

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Clerk and his Postoffice.....

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Church Delegates .....

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Baptized ..... Received by Letter ..... By experience .....

Restored ..... Dismissed by Letter ..... Excommunicated .....

Deaths ..... Male Members ..... Female Members .....

Total Membership ..... Sunday School Scholars .....

Superintendent .....

Total amount sent to Association $..... Association

Funds $.....McDaniel's Industrial School

$..... Orphan Asylum $..... Pastor's Salary $.....

State Convention $..... N. C. Baptist State Convention $.....

Sabbath of Preaching .....

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The McDaniel Normal

— AND —

Industrial School.

A HIGH GRADE SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONS.
WILL OPEN ABOUT OCTOBER, 1913, IN KINSTON, N. C.

COURSES.

Intermediate, Collegiate, Industrial, Normal, Theological, Business.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Consists of a limited number of students classified in the Intermediate grades where the Intermediate course is covered thoroughly, and where under the direction of a supervisor, students receive practice in teaching.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

Consists of a four year course of study after having completed the Intermediate course. Students completing the English course satisfactorily will be awarded an English Diploma. The design of the work of this Department is to fit students to teach in Public Schools of the State.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

A student enters upon his Academic studies after completing the English course of study. There are three years of Academic work and upon satisfactory completion by the student of the Academic course he will be awarded an Academic diploma. The purpose of this course is to enable students to enter the Freshman class of our Colleges or enter upon the professions or business. Students are not admitted to this course until they are able to push the subjects vigorously.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

To those who feel especially called to the profession of the Ministry, they will confer with the Principal, who will give information in regard to it.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

The aim of this department is to prepare young women to do their own work with a reasonable degree of satisfaction in cooking and sewing so as to serve acceptably in whatever capacity they may be called upon to serve.

FACULTY:

PRESIDENT .....REV. A. A. SMITH.
PRINCIPAL .....REV. W. H. BRYANT, B. Th.
ASSISTANT TEACHER.....MRS. W. H. BRYANT.